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**WATCHING TV** — This is Mission Control at Houston as the telecast from Apollo 11 spacecraft was in progress.

Members of the team look at a small TV screen while the same image appears on a giant screen on the wall. (AP Wire-photo)

## Great Northern Expansion Will Add About 150 Jobs

By JOE BROOKS

MILLINOCKET — A major expansion plan outlined by the Great Northern Paper Co. Thursday will add about 150 jobs to the present 1,100 employees at the firm's Millinocket mill.

The \$45 million expansion project was approved unanimously by the company's board of directors in closed session at the group's bimonthly meeting on Thursday, held for the first time at the Northern Division offices in Millinocket.

Peter S. Paine, chairman and chief GNP executive officer, said the project will increase the capacity of the mill by 40 per cent, or 135,000 tons of paper a year.

The new program, which will include a wide high-speed paper machine and supporting equipment, has been under study for some time, Paine said.

The paper company executive added that detailed engineering and negotiations with suppliers of equipment will begin immediately, with construction scheduled to commence about May 1.

the first refusal were not detailed.

Last year, GNP's Northern Division produced approximately 270,000 tons of printing grades which are used in catalogues, telephone books, paperbacks and periodicals.

In making the announcement, Paine said that the project "is the most logical outgrowth of a 10-year program of diversifying the production of the mill. With the planned additions, the mill will be the largest single producer of groundwood printing

By AL ROSSITER JR.

**SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)**—Challenged by a Russian robot rocket in a race to get lunar soil samples, America's Apollo 11 fliers raced Friday toward their date with destiny and a walk on the lunar surface—a walk which now may come earlier than planned.

At midnight EDT the spacecraft carrying Commander Neil

A. Armstrong, Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins was 182,224 miles from earth and traveling at 2,735 mph.

The command ship will continue slowing down during the day until it passes the "Great Divide" at 10:30 p.m. Friday, when it falls under the dominance of moon's gravitational pull and begins gathering speed again.

Apollo 11 will reach the vicinity of the Moon Saturday and the astronauts will fire the retro rockets that will kick them into a lunar orbit and set the stage for man's first step into another world.

The fliers showed earthlings the strange world of space in a color telecast Thursday night floating a flashlight in the weightlessness of their command ship and turning the

world "upside down" by rotating their camera.

The Soviet "Moonscooper" rocket whirled into orbit around the moon Thursday and apparently was a last ditch gamble by the Russians to beat America back to earth with samples of the lunar soil.

The development had no noticeable effect on the Apollo fliers. They jogged in place in

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## Nixon Ready For Talk To Moon Trio

By FRED FERRETTI

**NEW YORK** — Preparations are being made for President Nixon to speak to astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. late Sunday or early Monday morning as they walk on the moon. The event would be nationally televised.

The White House has not confirmed the President's plans, but it is known that Nixon informed intimates that he wanted to do something "dramatic" in conjunction with the moon landing.

The White House initiated inquiries when it telephoned the American Broadcasting Company here on Wednesday. A B.C. is the overall coordinator of pool coverage for the Apollo 11 flight. These calls were, an A.B.C. source confirmed Thursday, "veiled queries as to what would be involved if the President wanted to talk with the astronauts on the moon."

The network source said that the White House was told that the electronic hook-up was not only possible, but also relatively simple, and that it could be arranged quickly.

## Timetable For Friday

**SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)**—Apollo 11 timetable for Friday, July 18:

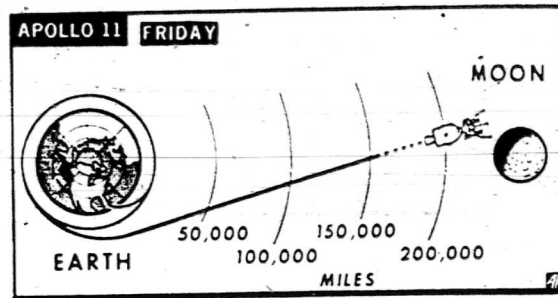
8:32 a.m. EDT—Crew awakens.

2:26 p.m.—Course correction, if necessary.

5:47 p.m.—Armstrong and Aldrin enter moon lander, for first time for checkout, then rejoin Collins in command ship.

7:32 p.m.—Scheduled 15-minute television show.

9:32 p.m.—Crew begins nine-hour rest period.



**SHORTENING THE DISTANCE** — Solid line covers the distance the Apollo 11 command and lunar modules will have gone by midnight Thursday in the

flight to the moon. Broken line traces distance that will be covered up to midnight Friday. (AP Wirephoto)

## Monday To Be Moon Day In State, Curtis Asserts

**AUGUSTA (AP)**—Monday will be "Moon Day" in Maine with a special holiday for state employees.

Gov. Curtis went along with President Nixon's request for a "National Day of Participation" and declared July 21 a state holiday.

Liquor stores will close in observance of the impending moon landing.

B. Morton Havey, executive director of Associated Industries of Maine says a survey indicates most industrial plants will operate as usual, but many will allow employees to take the day off without pay if they wish.

Bank Commissioner Elmer W. Campbell, acting with the advice of the attorney general's office, directed all state banks to close Monday. This will apply to all financial institutions and credit unions under the supervision of the Maine Department of Banking.

Summer session classes at the

University of Maine at Orono will be cancelled, and all university employees who can be spared will have an administrative holiday.

All state departments and institutions will suspend operations Monday except those necessary to the "health, safety, protection and well-being" of the people.

State Personnel Director Willard R. Harris said the day off would be regarded as a regular holiday, and state employees required to work that day will be given compensating time off or straight-time reimbursement.

(NEWS Washington Bureau)

**WASHINGTON** — The president of a Maine potato chip company may get an unexpected assist from the federal tax collector because he fussed to Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine about the business shut-

down on Monday's "moon holiday."

It all began with an overnight telegram from Robert Meehan, president of the Humpty Dumpty Potato Chip Co. of Scarborough, to Sen. Smith: "whereas you are so strongly suggesting that this coming Monday businesses are suggested to close down, would like to ask for assistance from the federal government in order to complete my government reports such as withholding taxes, etc."

The senator replied by telegram that the Monday holiday wasn't her idea and said she hadn't ordered it. She explained that the proposal came from James L. Reid Jr., a Portland public relations man, who was promised by telephone Tuesday that the senator would refer it to President Nixon. Since Reid's letter didn't reach the senator

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